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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

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1. MESSRS. WRIGHT AND PADILLA PLAN TO MAKE INQUIRY WITH VENEZOLAN DE EXPORT, AGRICOLAS, CARACAS, ABOUT \$80,000 US WORTH OF FROZEN YUCA SHIPPED TO US. UNDERVALUATION IS SUSPECTED. SPECIFIC INFORMATION DESIRED: DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE AND WHETHER OR NOT MERCHANDISE WAS UNDERVALUED. IT IS PLANNED TO INTERVIEW COMPANY OFFICIALS AND VERIFY DATA FROM COMPANY JOURNALS AND FINANCIAL RECORDS.

2. MEETING WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OF VENEZUELA IS ALSO DESIRED FOR LIAISON/INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. TOPICS OF INTERESTS ARE GUN AND LIQUOR SMUGGLING FROM US TO VENEZUELA, SMUGGLING OF MONEY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND GENERAL SMUGGLING OF JEWELRY AND OTHER VENEZUELAN ITEMS TO US. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WILL BE OBTAINING REGULAR LISTS OF US PLEASURE BOATS AND AIRCRAFT TRANSITING VENEZUELA TO INSURE THEY ENTER PROPERLY WITH CUSTOMS UPON RETURN TO US. ANY ASSISTANCE BY EMBASSY IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

3. ESTIMATE ARRIVAL IN CARACAS ON FEBRUARY 12. WILL NOTIFY LATER EXACT ITINERARY.

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